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LETTER

FROM

Count TECKELZ

TO THE

Salamanca Doctor,

Giving an Account of the Siege of VIENNA, and the State of the OTTOMAN Army.

Venerable Sir,

THE favour of Your Reverend Name that hath for these few years past, been strong in the Nostrels of most part of Europe, hath at last come to me also, and not only to me, but even to the Court of the Grand Seignior himself, and so mightily have Your Parts, and Person merited with him, that I could no longer forbear giving you an Account of it, which I had done some time ago, had not the tediousness of the War, and the uncertain success of our Forces before Vienna prevented me; however, considering it remains still dubious, I have stolen so much time from my urgent Affairs, to let You know what great Obligations Your Reverence hath laid, not only upon the Grand Seignior and his Army, but on me, and all the true Protestant Rebels under my Command. The tediousness, expensiveness, and uncertainty of the Siege of Vienna had almost persuaded His Majesty the G. Seignior to withdraw his Forces from the Place; but when he heard the News of Your good Wishes for his Success, he grew proud to have the *Saviours of three Kingdoms* on his side; whose Prayers and good Wishes were for his good Success in the overturning the very Foundations of Christianity; nor could the fear of Success under the Tuition of one so mighty as you, that hath wrought so many Miracles lately, that were beyond the belief of any man of an ordinary Faith. Therefore, Great Sir, considering Your Almighty Power, I humbly beg Your Gracious Pardon, that I durst presume to intrude upon Your serious Thoughts and Prayers with this poor Address; but I hope when I have told you the Reasons that persuaded me to it, Your Reverence will pardon the boldness, and forgive the Crime, and cast a favourable Eye upon these Lines that are to shew You how much You have obliged the true Protestant Mahometan Party, to be eternally Your Reverences Vassals; But lest a too tedious preamble should double the Crime I have committed, I will proceed to let Your Reverence know what were the Reasons of my writing to You at this time.

First, The G. Seignior having received an Account of Your Parts, Principles and Person, found himself so much obliged to You, that he forthwith commanded me in his Name to return his grateful acknowledgements of the Favours You have vouchsafed him, in wishing well to his first Attempts upon the Empire, hoping, if the Great Prophet will bless his Endeavours, and Your Prayers with success, not only to conquer Germany, but all parts of the Christian World, even the Nations of which You have been called the Almighty Saviour: Nor doth he question Your good Wishes and Endeavours to attribute all You can to his Conquest thereto; so that the Gospel may rather be totally extirpated, than enjoyed by those persons whom Your Reverence is pleased to call worse than *Turks* or *Infidels*. And as a token of his love to You, and all the English Mahometans and Tekelites, His Majesty the G. S. by

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me assures You, that he will give and grant unto You the full enjoyment of *Liberty of Conscience*, after You have lent Your Prayers and Harids to the *Extirpating of Christianity*: And he doth farther assure You, That he will use his utmost Endeavours to make a perfect *Unity* between the two Kirks of *Mahomet* and *Geneva*; and that the *Directory*, and the *Alcoran* shall be bound up in one Volumn, and be proclaimed *equally Religious and Glorious*, and equally to be used by the *true Protestant Mahometans and Tekelites*.

But then, secondly, considering the dangerousness of the Siege, and the expensiveness of the War, and considering likewise the Power of the united Forces of the *Christians* and *Catholick Princes*, the War is like to be very chargeable, and the Event altogether uncertain, the G. S. begins to be in some fear about the success of his Forces; therefore he becomes Your humble Petitioner, and by me intreats You by the love You bear to the *Mahometan Cause*, immediately to send to his Relief those many *thousand Black Bills* that were provided for the Service of *England*: And he questions not, but You may convey them to him with privacy, since none but You ever saw, or knew of them: And as a farther Request, he implores You to send likewise the *40000 Spanish Pilgrims* that You kept invisibly in pay for the service of Your design, and he would intreat You to let them be more *visible* for his Service than ever they were for the *French Kings Interest*, or else they will do him but a very inconsiderable Service. And that You may not have reason to believe You serve an ungrateful Master, he doth by me assure You of all the Reward You can deserve: And he promises upon the word of an *Emperor*, That if Your *Reverence* shall think fit to change the Climate You are in, and take a Voyage into his Dominions, immediately upon Your Arrival, and upon sight of Your Certificate of Commencement of *Doctor at Salamanca*, he will immediately creat You the *Mufti*, or Chief Priest of *Mahomet*; and because he is informed of the daily decrease of Your *Janizaries*, he promises to let You have what number You think fit, to guard Your *Reverence* from any that shall think it worth his while to assassinate You: And that You may never want a continual supply of Males to satisfy Your carnal Appetite, he promises to erect a masculine *Seraglio*, where a constant number of Bums shall be continually prostrate to receive Your Discipline. Thus have I given You an account of what the *Grand Seignior's* mind is concerning You, and the Reward he will bestow upon You for Your good Service to the *Mahometan Cause*. I now presume upon Your Patience one minute to shew You the particular respect I have for You, in consideration of the good Wishes in Rebellion in General, and to me, and my fellow Rebels in particular. And I would implore Your *Reverence* to give my utmost service to all the *true Protestant Mahometan Tekelites* in *England*, that pray for the success of the *Grand Seignior* that known Enemy to the *Crucified God* they pretended to adore, those holy and religious men that would have the *Gospel* fall down and worship the *Alcoran*, and the *Half-moon* triumph over the *Cross* of a martyred Saviour. But that I may not tire Your *Reverences* patience, I will conclude with my Prayers for Your perseverance in the *Mahometan good old Cause*. And since you have many *Teckelites* in *England*, pray let my Respects be given to them all in General, and especially to the young Prince *Mon-Teckely*, and all his *Mahometan* Followers. And I presume to advise Your *Reverence* to give some of those Commission You talk'd of in *England*, to some of Your Friends, and post them away in that Vessel that brought You from *Spain* to *Issington* in a days space, for we want a speedy relief. In fine I humbly beseech You to make a general Muster of all the *true Protestant Mahometans*, *black Bills*, *Spanish Pilgrims*, *Irish Ruffins*, *French Armies*, *Purbeck Invaders*, *screw'd Guns*, and *chew'd bullets*, *Protestant Flayles* and *Blunderbusses*, and send them with all speed and privacy for the Relief of the G. S. And in so doing, You will Eternally add to the Obligations You have already laid upon Your *Reverences* most Humble Vassal

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